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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

Box No. I Basis of the opinion  
 Box No. II Priority  
 Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability  
 Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention  
 Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement  
 Box No. VI Certain documents cited  
 Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application  
 Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPBA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

in written format  
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application  
 claims Nos. 53-58

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 53-58  
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See PCT Rule 67.1.(iv).: Methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

The claims, or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are so inadequately supported  
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:  
the written form       has not been furnished  
                           does not comply with the standard  
the computer readable form       has not been furnished  
                           does not comply with the standard

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in the Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

See Supplemental Box for further details.

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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43, 48-50</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 4, 12-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47, 51-52</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43, 48-50</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 4, 12-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47, 51-52</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-52</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Cited documents of particular relevance:

D1: US 6248110 B1  
D2: EP 1132061 A2

D1 shows a device for providing spongy bone with bone substitute, according to claim 1, with a perforating device (76, figure 5H) for making a hole in the spongy bone and with a flushing device (column 9, lines 4-7) for flushing the hole. A vacuum source (86) is provided for generating a vacuum in the hole for sucking and facilitation insertion of the bone substitute (96) into said spongy bone. D2 also shows a device according to claim 1 (see figures 2 and 6).

The device according to claim 1 therefore is known from D1 and D2. Consequently, the invention defined in claim 1 lacks novelty and inventive step.

The arrangements according to claims 4,12-15,23-24,34-36,44-47 and 51-52 are also previous known from D1 or D2. Consequently, claims 4,12-15,23-24,34-36,44-47,51-52 also lack novelty and inventive step.